



Rule Up For Discussion and Possible Filing

Proposed Repealer of

WAC 230-12-350

Use of checks and credit cards to purchase gambling equipment, products, and services—Restrictions.

ITEM 13 (a) on the April 14, 2006, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff, on behalf of the Recreational Gaming Association.	
Proposed Change	
<p>This proposed repealer will remove restrictions on operators' use of checks and credit cards to purchase gambling equipment, products, and services.</p> <p>It will apply the same rules relating to the purchase of equipment using checks and credit cards now in place between manufacturers and distributors to operators.</p>	
History of Rule	
<p>The current rule puts restrictions such as limiting the type of account a check or credit card from an operator may be drawn on and requiring all checks to be deposited within ten days of service or receipt of product.</p> <p>This repealer will remove all restrictions on checks and credit cards for operators when purchasing gambling equipment, products, and services.</p>	
Impact of the Proposed Change	
<p>Operators will now be able to purchase equipment, services and supplies on credit, by using a credit card or writing a check.</p> <p>This change will consistently apply the rules relating to the purchase of equipment on credit and allow it for commercial operators. It will be the distributors' responsibility to determine whether to allow a licensed operator to write a check to them or use a credit card.</p>	
Regulatory Concerns	
None.	
Resource Impacts	
None.	
Policy Consideration	
None.	
Stakeholder Statements Supporting the Proposed Rule Change	
None.	
Stakeholder Statements Opposing the Proposed Rule Change	
None.	
Licensees Directly Impacted By the Change	
Manufacturers, distributors and operators.	
Staff Recommendation	
File for further discussion.	
Proposed Effective Date for Rule Change	
31 days from filing.	